

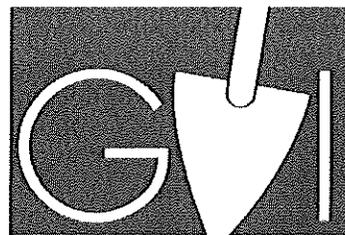
# CLEAR CUTTING

## PLEASE SUPPORT: HB 5049 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF TREES

The purpose of this legislation is to promote the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents of the State of Connecticut by regulating the indiscriminate or unnecessary destruction of large quantities of trees on private property. Trees play an important role in controlling erosion by: protecting the soil surface from the impact of falling rain; holding soil particles in place; enhancing the soil's capacity to absorb water; slowing the velocity of runoff; removing subsurface water between rain falls through the process of evapo-transpiration; and improving infiltration rates. In addition Trees improve air quality by generating oxygen, temper noise, and provide a natural habitat and food for wildlife. Indiscriminate and excessive destruction of trees causes barren and unsightly conditions that impairs the stability and value of real estate in the area of destruction and adversely affects the health, environment, ecosystem and general quality of life of the residents of each Town. For purposes of definition, trees whose removal require regulation, shall apply to only the following situations: (1) Removing any trees growing on slopes over twenty-five percent (25%). (2) Clear-Cutting, where clear cutting is defined as the cutting of more than 25% of the Trees in a contiguous area per lot over the period of five (5) consecutive years from start of tree removal. And (3) Removing any trees within fifteen (15) feet of wetland, watercourse, intermittent watercourse or water body. Therefore I would appreciate your support for HB 5049.

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